Zilker Neighborhood Association Special Membership Meeting

Meeting Details

Scheduled Time Location

March 20, 2023 at 7 pm CDT Zoom

Agenda & Discussion

- 1. Meeting commenced at 7:05 pm
- 2. One agenda item: Zilker Metropolitan Park Vision Plan Resolution and Matrix Review and Membership Vote
- 3. Officer and Member Introductions
 - a. Most frequent "favorite parts of Zilker" were natural areas, pool, and pedestrian experience
- 4. Resolution
 - a. Some comments:
 - May have been better for us to just lay out higher level goals and concerns (e.g., No umbrella, Keep wild, etc.) rather than comment on specific elements
 - ii. Need more emphasis on pedestrian safety
 - b. Unanimously approved by present and voting eligible members
- 5. Matrix
 - a. Some comments:
 - Need better, more detailed design for South side. Suggest we come up with detailed design
 - ii. Public Works, DOT, etc are moving ahead with their plans in the midst of this planning process with little apparent coordination
 - iii. Is funding really a zero-sum game?
 - iv. Waterloo Greenway model: philanthropic money was going to bring in \$\$, but City on the hook for more than anticipated
 - v. Vision plan should have been higher level and not included specific elements—too bogged down in details. Plan should have laid out higher level goals; also may have been better for us to just lay out higher level goals (e.g., Keep wild, etc.) rather than comment on specific elements
 - vi. Has there been a TIA on the BSR diet? Not that we know of

- vii. No study, but real-world experience during ACL, other events...can help envision road diet
- viii. Does PARD want the umbrella org to manage? Answer: We don't know, but without sufficient funding, PARD is forced to rely on big donors. Privatization has been going on... unintended consequences including financial irregularities and lack of transparency now coming to light
- b. Unanimously approved by present and voting eligible members
- 6. Final Thoughts and Next steps
 - a. Appreciations and respect for hard work were expressed
 - b. Tanya outlined next steps regarding boards and commissions schedules and encouraged the members to stay engaged
- 7. Meeting adjourned at 8:50 pm

Actions

- 1. Resolution unanimously approved
- 2. Matrix unanimously approved